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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 2930

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NI, TZ, UG, KE

SUBJECT: GARBA'S VIEW OF EAST AFRICA

REF: LAGOS 2495

1. WE FOUND REFTEL REPORT OF GARBA'S VIEWS OF EAST AFRICA ILLUMINATING, SINCE IT DEMONSTRATES EXTENT TO WHICH HE EVIDENTLY SWALLOWED NYERERE'S VERSION OF EVENTS SET IN MOTION BY COLLAPSE OF EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS AND TANZANIA'S CLOSURE OF BORDER WITH KENYA. HIS WORDS ABOUT KENYATTA BEING SENILE AND KEPT IN THE DARK BY THOSE AROUND HIM ARE STRAIGHT FROM NYERERE'S MOUTH (AND FROM FRONT PAGES OF TANZANIA DAILY NEWS).

2. EVIDENCE AVAILABLE IN NAIROBI GIVES ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PICTURE OF KENYA'S HANDLING OF EAC DIFFICULTIES. FOR EXAMPLE, SITUATION WAS FULLY DISCUSSED IN CABINET WITH KENYATTA PRESIDING, AND IT WAS KENYATTA WHO ORDERED THAT NO MILITARY SABER-RATTLING BE EMPLOYED IN RESPONSE TO TANZANIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS. AMBASSADOR SAW KENYATTA ON FEB. 28 AND FOUND HIM BOTH LUCID AND INFORMED ABOUT RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS. GARBA'S COMMENTS SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT KENYATTA MIGHT HAVE BEEN WELL ADVISED TO RECEIVE SOME OF THE SELF-APPOINTED MEDIATORS WHO APPEARED UNINVITED  
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IN WAKE OF KENYA-TANZANIA BORDER CLOSURE, IF ONLY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HE IS STILL A FUNCTIONING LEADER.  
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